

## House Resolution No. 946

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge a fact-finding visit to the Show-Me State by a delegation from the Thailand National Ministry of Education; and

**Whereas**, on March 26, 2003, a group of six members representing the National Ministry of Education from the newly-formed Office of Community Colleges and from the Board of Governors of Provincial Colleges will visit Crowder College in Neosho; and

**Whereas**, the Thailand delegation to Crowder College is one of three similar groups which will visit three different community colleges in the United States; and

**Whereas**, Crowder College, located in the western part of the state, will serve as a model of a rural community college while the two other educational institutions are located in the more urban areas of Chicago, Illinois, and North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the National Ministry of Education delegation visiting Crowder College will look at the school's governing and operating procedures to use as an example to follow in Thailand; and

**Whereas**, the visit to the United States by members of the Thailand National Ministry of Education is part of a pioneering movement in Thailand to provide educational opportunities beyond high school in an effort to strengthen the country's economy through workforce development and career training; and

**Whereas**, Thailand is a southeastern Asian nation bordered by Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Malaysia; governed by a Constitutional Monarchy with a Parliamentary system of representation headquartered in Bangkok; and composed of nearly 200,000 square miles and more than 50 million people:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to extend a most heartfelt Missouri welcome to the six-member delegation representing the National Ministry of Education in Thailand and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's best wishes for a successful, productive investigation of community colleges in the United States; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Thailand National Ministry of Education delegation's visit to Crowder College.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Wilson  
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 946, adopted March 19, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker